EVENING OF MEMORIAL DAY, 1919

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THE OLD GRAVES ARE COVERED AS IN THE OTHER MAYS,
WITH ROSES FOR LOVING AND LAUREL FOR PRAISE.
THE BELLS FALL SILENT WITH THE SETTING SUN,
THE FLAGS ARE FOLDED AND THE MUSIC DONE:
LEAVE THEM SO SLEEPING, THEIR PEACE WELL FOUND,
EACH HEART DUST TO DUST IN SWEET FAMILIAR GROUND;
COOL GRASS OF SPRINGTIDE A COVERLID SPREAD—
EACH MAN BREAST TO BREAST WITH THE LAND FOR WHICH HE BLED.

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THE LONG WAY WAS WEARY—
EARTH, LIE LIGHT;
THE OLD DEAD, THE DEAR DEAD,
SHALL REST TO-NIGHT.

THE NEW GRAVES ARE MANY IN STRANGE FAR FIELDS,
AND BARE OF ALL THE BEAUTY THAT THE LATE SPRING YIELDS,
BUT OVER THEM SLOWLY GO THE MARCHING STARS,
CRIES THE WIND'S BUGLE, OLDER THAN ALL WARS.
TOO FAR FOR THE FLOWERS OF REMEMBERING MAY,
BUT STILL OUR LOVE CAN REACH THEM HALF A WORLD AWAY.
FAR FROM THEIR HOMELAND,—AH, BUT SATISFIED,—
EACH MAN FACE TO FACE WITH THE CAUSE FOR WHICH HE DIED.

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TEARS, FALL LIGHT;
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would only make matters worse. The alienation of so much Prussian territory to Poland, the internationalization of the Saar basin and, above all, the very severe demands for financial reparation were the most difficult requirements for the Germans to swallow, and the argument was widely advanced that the sums demanded were beyond the power of Germany to pay. A week of mourning was proclaimed by the government and quite generally observed. Herr Harden, the famous journalist, however, said frankly that the terms were no harder than he expected, and added that the Germans had done little to convince the world of any fundamental change in their political ideals or their political methods.——Count von Bernstorff was in constant consultation with the cabinet, and seems to be at present the most influential person in Germany so far as foreign affairs are concerned. ——Government troops in considerable numbers occupied Leipzig on May 11, with the intention of forestalling a Spartacan rising that was planned.——The trial of certain soldiers and others, charged with the murder of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg last January, began on May 11.——The severity of the peace terms has apparently convinced the politicians of German Austria that it would be very unwise to seek a union with Germany at this time.

IRELAND.—On May 9 Mr. Frank P. Walsh, Mr. M. F. Ryan and Mr. Edward Dunne, the representatives of Irish societies in America, were received by the Lord Mayor of Dublin and by the Sinn Fein parliament, which holds its meetings in the Mansion House. On the following days they visited several other places in Ireland, but were prevented from entering Westport, County Mayo, which was under military occupation. It was announced from Paris that, owing to the agitation that followed the visit of the Americans to Ireland, Mr. Lloyd George had reconsidered his decision to meet them and to receive their request for a safe-conduct for Prof. de Valera from Ireland

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